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## Shoppers find bargains The Day After Christmas

Some stores slash prices; customers voice satisfaction

By Becky Garrison and Scott Cousins  
Staff writers

As shoppers returned to the mall the day after Christmas, many were filling bags with new items, not exchanging gifts.

Many stores slashed prices by as much as 70 percent in an effort to clear store shelves and make room for new merchandise arriving in early January, and their efforts appeared to pay off.

As they savaged the leftover wrapping paper and checked out clearance and sale signs everywhere, post-Christmas shoppers at the Granite City Wal-Mart had one thing on their minds.

"Bargains," said Margaret Fisk of Granite City.

"Bargains," said Gary Crader of Mitchell.

"Anything that is a good bargain," said Nancy Wilkinson of Granite City.

Traditionally one of the heaviest shopping days, Dec. 26 gave people a chance to return items, pick up that one more gift for someone else — or themselves — or get an early start on next year.

"Normally, it's a very busy day, especially being on Saturday this year," said store manager Ken Stefferman.

"It's a big day as far as sales volume, and it gives you an opportunity to sell a lot of clearance merchandise that you want to be selling out of," he said. "It's a treat for a lot of the customers too, because they can stock up on things for next year."

"One of the things I was noticing yesterday, when I was off, was the amount of advertising

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Scott Cousins photos  
The day after Christmas was more like shop 'til you drop Saturday, rather than exchange Saturday, at area retail stores. Above, Granite City's Nancy Williamson picks up some gift-wrap paper from a bin at the Granite City Wal-Mart store to get ready for the next holiday season. At left, Mitchell's Gary and Pat Crader seek out some post-holiday bargains. Gift exchanges are expected to be taking place in area stores for the next several days.

## County politicians surprised at Frandsen's 'lug' charges

Forced contributions from employees described as 'dinosaur of the past' by some

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

Politicians and other public figures are surprised by allegations made earlier this month against Fred Bathon, former auditor of Madison County.

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Bathon was accused of accepting

"lugs," or mandatory political campaign contributions, from his employees during his 10 years in the auditor's office. Former County Board member Jack Frandsen made the accusation after being appointed to Bathon's former position on Dec. 7.

While the accusation took many officials by surprise, Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said he is

taking Frandsen's remarks seriously. "We've asked the state police to look into the allegations," Haine said last week. "I don't believe we have any choice. We need to clear it up."

The Illinois State Police referred all questions back to Haine, who said the investigation could take several weeks.

"Lugs" are considered by most political insiders to be things of the past. Bathon and several other county department heads said employees often purchase political fund-raiser tickets or contribute to gifts or give money for parties for co-workers.

Albert Charleston left the County Board this year to focus more on his duties as

Alton comptroller. He said he didn't think there would be any reason for Bathon to require campaign payments from his workers.

"Democrats have fund-raisers every year, and they are always well-attended," Charleston said. "Usually, at least one employee would step forward if they were being asked to contribute \$15 a month."

State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, who was in attendance for Frandsen's acceptance speech, said she "was shocked when I heard that. When I was county clerk, I announced publicly that there would be no lugs (in my office)."

Bowles was Madison County Clerk from 1974 to 1994. Years ago, it was common practice

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## Davis, Holbrook assess successes, failures in 90th General Assembly

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A law strengthening penalties for the manufacture of methamphetamines and doubling the personal exemption for the state income taxes were two of the big successes of the 90th Legislative Session of the Illinois General Assembly this year, according to Reps. Steve

Davis and Tom Holbrook. Both Davis, D-Bellville, and Holbrook, D-Bellefonte, said they believed the bill dealing with methamphetamines was a major accomplishment. "It's something that is heading our way and is already in our area," Davis said of the increase in the use and manufacture of methamphetamines. Holbrook agreed.

"We passed first comprehensive legislation that took care of pre-cursors (chemicals used to create the drug) and raised the penalties to that of cocaine," he said. Holbrook also said legislators from this area were the driving force in legislation concerning brownfields. Brownfields are lightly contaminated industrial areas. Brownfield cleanup is a major concern for the Metro-East area.

For most people, an increase in the personal income tax exemption and raising the income levels to be eligible for the Circuit Breaker program were probably the most important accomplishments of the legislature.

Davis said increasing school funding was another accomplishment, although not as big a victory as he had wanted. "We didn't accomplish all we wanted in school funding,"

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### Light up the night

John Goszewski's home, located at 4 Foxfield Court in St. Charles, won this year's Bright Lights of the Holidays contest. A \$500 donation will go to Goszewski's favorite charity; other winners receive holiday gifts, courtesy of contest sponsors AmerenUE, Frank's Nursery and the Suburban Journals.

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## Shimkus discusses events with kids

By Steve Whitworth  
Staff writer

Although he spoke about his exhaustion and the stress of the past week in Congress, U.S. Rep. John Shimkus enthusiastically shared those experiences with a group of schoolchildren.

Shimkus, R-Collinsville, spoke to seventh- and eighth-graders at Trinity Lutheran School in Edwardsville. Pupils from the history classes in those two grades listened while Shimkus gave them an overview of Congress and his role in it. Shimkus then took questions from the children, including one about his vote in the impeachment of President Bill Clinton Dec. 19. The congressman from

Illinois' 20th Congressional District explained why he voted to impeach Clinton and gave the schoolchildren an idea of the mental strain involved in the process.

"What we went through in three days is more than some members have gone through in 16 years as a member of Congress," Shimkus said. "That was a very stressful, very tiring period of my life, and I haven't recovered physically yet."

Shimkus gave a blow-by-blow account of the events, which included the president's decision to take military action against Iraq, the admission by U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., that he had been scheduled to become the next Speaker of the House — that he had been involved in

extra-marital affairs; Livingston's subsequent withdrawal from consideration to become speaker; and the impeachment vote in the House.

On Saturday, the House passed two articles of impeachment.

"It was the saddest day of my life to cast those votes because of the historical significance of voting for impeachment," Shimkus told the pupils. "It has only been done once before on the floor of the House, and this was the first time it was ever done to an elected president."

The only other president ever impeached by the House was Andrew Johnson, who assumed the presidency after Abraham Lincoln's assassination in 1865.



## Holiday shopping

Leroy Canahan of Granite City takes a look at some of the bargains available at the Granite City Wal-Mart Saturday, the day after Christmas. Traditionally a day to return Christmas gifts, reports indicated that more people were out looking for post-holiday bargains rather than returning gifts. Post-Christmas sales are expected to continue through the end of the week at area retail stores.

Scptt Cousins photo

## Little attends first MCT meeting

Madison County Board member William Little, D-Alton, attended his first meeting as the newest member of the Madison County Transit District Tuesday.

One spot on the MCT board is reserved for county board members.

Little was appointed by Board Chairman Rudy Papa to fill the vacancy left by Tony

Paynic. Paynic was defeated in the March primary election and left his county board seat earlier this month.

Little said he hopes to increase awareness about what MCT does.

"I hear good things about them and I hear some complaints," he said.

One of the frequent complaints about MCT,

especially from the Alton area, is empty buses.

Little said he hopes to see that change.

"I don't know the complete story, but I hope we can fill them," he said. "I'd like to see us run efficiently and fill the buses up."

— Scott Cousins

## Women of Achievement nominations now open

Nominations are wanted for the 1999 Women of Achievement Awards.

The Women of Achievement Awards are co-sponsored by the Suburban Journals and KMOX Radio (1120 AM).

Ten women have been selected for the award each year since 1955, when the old St. Louis Globe-Democrat originated the honor and luncheon. The purpose of Women of Achievement is to recognize and honor women of diverse cultures, roles and accomplishments who have demonstrated commitment to the betterment of the St. Louis region through significant voluntary contributions.

A committee of community leaders and former Women of Achievement will select the 1999 honorees, based on the following:

- A record of achievement

and leadership in one or more areas of volunteer service within the St. Louis community.

- An outstanding contribution in some manner over and above her professional functions, improving the quality of life of others within the metro St. Louis area.

- At least a two-year period of volunteer service.

Nomination forms are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Women of Achievement Nominations, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo., 63131.

The nomination form includes all the necessary information. Please do not send attachments, photographs or publications. Forms must be returned by Jan. 22.

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## Area representatives assess '98 legislature's successes

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he said. "But we continued to add money. That's certainly going to be a continuing priority in the next session."

Both agreed that the biggest failure was in health care.

"The House passed the most important piece of legislation concerning consumers, the Patients' Bill of Rights," Holbrook said. "We passed a fabulous version, only to have it go into the Senate and die."

He said the Senate version

was "Swiss cheese; that wouldn't properly protect anybody."

Davis and Holbrook said passing that legislation is one of the most important issues for the coming year.

"It's absolutely necessary that we continue to push those kinds of changes, rather than the watered-down version the Senate did," Holbrook said.

"We need something that is going to give the patient a right to have their concerns addressed fully."

Holbrook said the coming session looked "good."

"For the first time in years, transportation is going to be a major issue for us," he said. He also said new state incentives for business was an important issue.

Right now, the only real incentives that can be offered are the controversial Tax Increment Financing districts and enterprise zones, which are offered at a more local level.

He said something must be done to provide incentives for business.

"The state of Illinois has come up short in many cases

and have lost major employers because of it," he said. "We have to change it or become dinosaurs."

Davis said property tax relief was another issue that the legislature failed to resolve.

"We couldn't come together and get the necessary leadership out of the governor's office," he said.

"We'll be addressing property tax relief in the next legislative session."



### Christmas wishes

Granite City Mayor's office and Tim Stephenson photos Above, State Rep. Tom Holbrook, left, and Granite City Mayor Ron Selph pose with two special friends at the mayor's annual Christmas Reception Dec. 21 at St. Gregory's Armenian Community Center. The giant stuffed Sylvester the Cat now has a home at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Top, generous Granite City residents donated 502 toys for the mayor's annual Christmas reception. The toys were moved to the employee lounge in City Hall, where they were then divided equally among Catholic Charities, Protestant Welfare, The Salvation Army, St. Elizabeth Medical Center and the Pontoon Beach Lions Club. The mayor offers his deep appreciation for all the residents and businesses who donated time, food and presents.

## Gypsy scam artist arrested in Clinton County

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

A Gypsy scam artist is being held in Madison County Jail on \$2 million bail.

Perren Boswell, 23, is

believed by investigators to be linked to the Gypsy Jan called The Travellers, who were featured on the NBC television newsmagazine "Dateline NBC" several months ago.

Boswell was picked up

Sunday in Clinton County on a warrant from Madison County. He was incarcerated Monday and charged with home repair fraud, a Class 2 felony, which carries a possible prison term of three to seven years.

The warrant stemmed from when Boswell coated the driveway of a 95-year-old Collinsville woman in September, authorities said. "The complaint was filed," said Rosalie Huebner, an investigator with the Madison County Sheriff's Department. "I started digging and finding all kinds of things about this clan."

Boswell is part of a group of Gypsies called "The Boswell Travellers," which scams elderly people, authorities said. Boswell's family is believed to have a base camp in Huey, near Carlyle Lake in Clinton County. Prosecutors are also

investigating his brothers, Charlie and Louie.

Perren Boswell is also being investigated on federal charges. He has numerous repair fraud charges against him from the Carbondale area and other states. If convicted on multiple charges, he could serve significant jail time, Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said.

Boswell is also listed as a defendant in a civil lawsuit in Clinton County filed by about 20 elderly women against the Carlyle Asphalt Co.

In the Collinsville incident, the elderly victim told Boswell in September that she didn't need any work done on her driveway. He returned, did the work and frightened her into paying, authorities said.

When Boswell tried to cash the check at the Collinsville Building and Loan Association, the clerks became suspicious and called police. Boswell fled and had been at large until Sunday.

"Without what those ladies did, we wouldn't be where we're at," said Huebner, adding that the scope of the investigation is "mind-boggling."

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**Travers said the casino has awarded the hotel contract to S.M. Wilson of Granite City.**

## New Casino Queen RV park opens

By Jason White  
Staff writer

The Casino Queen is counting on a recently-opened RV park to produce new revenue for the East St. Louis riverboat.

The 185-space RV park, which opened earlier this month, is part of a land-based expansion that includes plans for a hotel, an outdoor amphitheater and an indoor entertainment center.

Casino Queen General Manager Craig Travers said the RV park is complete except for some landscaping and utility hookups on about half of the sites.

The sites are equipped with hook-ups for satellite television, telephone, electricity, water and sewer. The park also has a convenience store, restrooms, showers and laundry facilities.

Travers said the casino has awarded the hotel contract to S.M. Wilson of Granite City.

The list of subcontractors has not been finalized, he said.

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## News

## Obituaries

## Dolores Ayers

**DOLORES (MADE) AYERS**, 82, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1998, at Fayette County Hospital in Vandavia.

Mrs. Ayers was born Jan. 1, 1916, in Morehouse, Mo. She was a retired bookkeeper from Illinois Terminal Railroad and was a member of Second Baptist Church, WMU and a Bible School teacher.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Joanna Ayers of Urbana, Mo.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Ayers; her parents, Adolph and Othello (Keeligh) Nabe; two brothers, Gerald and E.C. Nabe; and two sisters, Beatrice and Vivian Nabe.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 26, at Thomas Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Carl Watkins officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church.

## Kathleen L. (Louise) Campbell

**KATHLEEN L. (LOUISE) CAMPBELL**, 49, of Highland, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 1998, at St. Joseph Hospital in Highland.

Mrs. Campbell was born Jan. 15, 1949, in Highland. She graduated from St. Paul High School in Highland in 1967. Mrs. Campbell spent her last years in Highland, Mo. She was a part-time helper at Peppermint Pie School and Meals on Wheels volunteer and was on the founding board of the Korte Bluefire Soccer Club and a member of the Monday Night Mixed League at Hill Top Bowl in Highland and St. Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Edward Campbell; two sons, Brian Campbell and Jamie Campbell, both of Highland; her mother, Dolores (Weis) Frey of Highland; one stepdaughter, Julie Bentley of Granite City; three brothers, David Frey and Kevin "Chuck" Frey, both of Highland; and Gerald Frey of Bowling Green, Ky.; and one grandson, Trey Riecher of Highland.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arnold "Russo" Frey. Services were held Monday, Dec. 28, from Spengel-Boulanger Funeral

Home to St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland, with the Rev. David L. Peters officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Education Foundation, American Cancer Society or Hospice of Southern Illinois.

**Juanita Hackney**, 75, of Augusta, Ga., formerly of Granite City, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1998, at University Hospital in Augusta, Ga.

Mrs. Hackney was born June 6, 1923, in Willard, Ark. She was a former member of St. John Lutheran Church and a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Augusta, Ga.

Survivors include her daughter, Libby Hackney of Augusta, Ga.; two sons, Ralph Hackney and John Hackney, both of Columbia, S.C.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Hackney; and her parents, John and Sadie Bell (Lancaster) Woodard.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon, with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

**Joice Lindsey**, 56, of Granite City, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Lindsey was born Aug. 27, 1942.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Lindsey; three daughters, Donna Allison of Shoboglian, Wis., Tammy Jo Lindsey of Granite City and Tina Lindsey of Madison; two sons, Thomas Lindsey of Madison and William Lindsey; one brother, one sister; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Lindsey; her parents, William and Ida (Sharp) Webb; and one brother.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Per the family's wishes, the

remains were cremated.

Memorials may be made to the family.

## Pearl Riti

**PEARL A. (HEACOX) RITI**, 77, of Granite City, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1998, at her residence.

She was born Oct. 13, 1921, in Fisk, Mo. Mrs. Riti had been employed by Foster Brothers and McQuain Norris as a machinist. She was a member of Chouteau Senior Citizens, Jolly Quilters of Chouteau Township, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, AARP and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her children, Ronald Marks of Granite City, Donna Schiller of Collinsville and Virginia Bowman of Sorento; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Riti; her parents, Elbert and Annie (Thurman) Heacox; her children, Richard Riti and Alice Riti; and four brothers.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. David Fielding officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hope Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society.

## Ray Shelton

**RAY SHELTON**, 97, of Granite City, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

He was born Dec. 11, 1901, in Miller County, Mo. Mr. Shelton retired from General Steel as a molder. He was a member of Clark Avenue Church of Christ in Granite City.

Survivors include his daughters, Jane Halcomb of Baldwin, Mo., Jacqueline Stack of Collinsville and Joyce Dye of Springfield, Mo.; two sons, Carl Shelton of Meta, Mo., and Jerry Shelton of Vienna, Mo.; one brother, Glen Shelton of Minneapolis; one sister, Lorene Livingston of Highland; 16 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ella (Renfrow) Shelton; and his parents, Doward and Mattie (Pendleton) Shelton.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to Clark Avenue Church of Christ.

## Opal Snyder

**OPAL P. SNYDER**, 82, of Granite City, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1998, in Granite City.

Mrs. Snyder was born Nov. 9, 1916, in New Liberty. She was a retired machine operator for Good Luck Glove Co.

Survivors include her son, John Paul Snyder of South Elgin; one daughter, Pauline Prasley of Granite City; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Aikens-Farmer Funeral Home in Brookport, with the Rev. Bill Cox officiating. Burial was in Pelt Cemetery in Brookport.

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**Patricia Warren**, 53, of Granite City, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 1998, in Granite City.

She was born Aug. 30, 1945, in East St. Louis. Mrs. Warren was a trainer at Ryan's Family Steakhouse.

Survivors include her son, Darrell Warren of New Baden; one daughter, Terry Warren of Granite City; one brother, Michael Nizolek of Caseyville; and two grandsons, James Warren and Justin Warren, both of Granite City.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Herr Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Delmar Shirley officiating.

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# Post-Christmas holiday shoppers find bargains galore throughout area retail stores

Continued from Page 1A from different retailers having clearance sales starting at 7 a.m.," he added. "We didn't open any earlier today than we

would have normally, but I noticed some of the other retailers did."

Many of the shoppers headed for the Christmas section, where they started shopping for the next holiday season. Wilkinson was one of those. She said this was also her first time shopping the day after Christmas.

"It happened to fall on the weekend and I'm off work," she said.

For Fisk, day after Christmas shopping comes naturally.

"I don't know. I do this every year," she said. Liz Romanko, of Mascoutah, and her daughter, Tatiana, were weighed down with shopping bags full of bargains after spending two hours Saturday at St. Clair Square.

Romanko said the crowds had not been bad and that, for the most part, people were in a pretty good mood.

"We did run into one crabby person while standing in line," Romanko said. "But I told her that it was just one day after

Christmas, and she shouldn't be so unhappy."

Tatiana said she enjoys post-holiday shopping with her mother.

"My mom is a pushover. She buys me lots of things," Tatiana said, holding up several new stuffed animals. Smaller stores at the mall were not seeing the crowds the big department stores were.

An employee at Natural Wonders said there had been a few waves of traffic, but that the store had not been busy.



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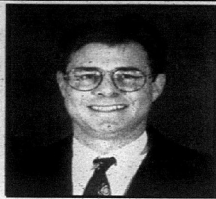




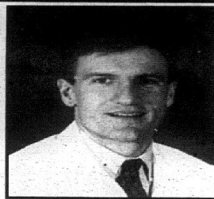




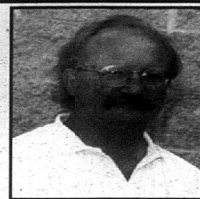
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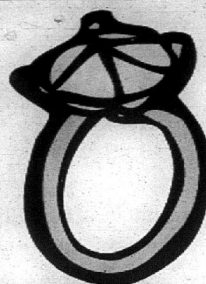
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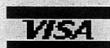


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# Horoscope

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30**  
The ambitious Capricorn sun has us working in our minds, even if our bodies are taking the day off. As Saturn seems to be stationary in Aries, take it slow, using mind over might. Feel the surge in brain power, thanks to the Gemini moon! It is not only useful to be super-smart about the next move—it's ultra-sexy!

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for romance are Leos and Libras. For married couples, a trip in March cements your love. Singles have dual loves in April, but this only makes the person you care for most love you more. Business and long-

range investment choices must be made by May. In March, funding comes.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Know yourself. Looking at your home life with new eyes reveals a blessing you didn't realize. A chance to solidify your love shouldn't be passed up. Communication skills can only improve if you choose to be a listener.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Your recent good work gets the attention it deserves. Loyalty will be repaid in spades down the line. Someone close in heart but far geographically may re-enter your life. What you expect comes true in love.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Don't gloat over a victory; humility will have its rewards. Influential people and personal plans come into conflict. Use spiritual insight to address a family problem. An old wish may be granted soon.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Avoid conflict with the in-laws, and your mate will reward you later. Others may disapprove, but follow your heart in a new romance. Political or religious differences may arise—head them off at the pass, if possible.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** A romantic gesture may be just what it seems. Let the chips fall where they may. A chance encounter revives a sagging career. Express your optimism in a physical way. Go for what you want—don't worry about others' reactions.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** A roadblock may remain at work, despite indications that all is clear. A Sagittarius enters the picture. Parental advice on your love life is well-intended, but heed your own counsel. Discovery of a

key fact fortifies your point of view.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Make things happen at work. Another may be attracted to the same person as you, but you have the inside track. Focus on projects in which you know you'll excel. It may be temporarily difficult to get cooperation from key people.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Someone far away has useful information. A positive outcome in business is indicated. Your ideas may be too imaginative for many, but pursue them anyway. A large purchase will help you work, but pay it off quickly!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Examine a current dilemma and decide where you can compromise. A Taurus appears just in time. A soul mate isn't perfect, but has much to teach you. Friends aren't helpful with a difficult decision—do it yourself!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Make sure not to paint yourself into a corner in your love life. A disagreement arises that isn't that important—it's best to avoid a fight. An interesting suggestion for the evening could lead to romance.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Confusing messages from a friend will sort out. Early disappointments change to victories. A hobby long-forgotten could turn into a talent well-regarded by superiors. A dream about an authority could be a good sign.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Divided loyalties can be sorted out with positive results for all. Minor irritations at work may arise, but keep your cool. Creativity and love go together. Fairness in financial matters is a must.

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## Area politicians surprised at 'lug' charges

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for many political candidates to make large contributions to their parties, she said.

But she said she thought taking money out of employees' paychecks to pay for their bosses' campaigns was "a dinosaur of the past. There is some question about the legality of charging people to keep their jobs."

No employees who have worked for Bathon have come forward to support Frandsen's accusations.

"I do not assess a lug and

never did," Bathon said. Such an offense would fall under the Corrupt Practices Act and is a Class 3 felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of no more than \$10,000.

According to the Illinois Compiled Statutes, official misconduct is performed when a public official "performs an act in excess of his lawful authority with an intent to obtain a personal advantage for himself or another."

It is also illegal when he "solicits or knowingly accepts for the performance of any act a fee or reward which he knows is not authorized by

law."

Bathon won the election for county treasurer in November and left the auditor's office open for an appointment.

County Board Chairman Rudy Papa named Frandsen after several days of protests from Bathon, who had said there were other candidates more qualified and younger than Frandsen.

Frandsen, a retired railroad freight agent, lost to Bathon in the 1988 Democratic primary race for auditor. Each has professed his dislike of the other.

## Olive Garden taking part in fund-raiser

The Olive Garden in Fairview Heights is participating in "Pasta For Pennies," which benefits the Leukemia Society of America. Students at schools throughout the St. Louis area will be bringing spare change to school Feb. 16-March 5. The campaign, "Pasta For Pennies," is sponsored by the Olive Garden Italian Restaurant to raise funds for the Leukemia Society's mission to cure leukemia.

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## Wrong-way basket stands

O'Fallon's protest fails to grab IHSA's attention

The date was Dec. 3. Location: O'Fallon High School. The O'Fallon and Belleville West girls basketball teams were meeting in a non-conference game.

Seems simple enough, doesn't it? Throw in an overtime begun when the game's three officials lined the teams up facing the wrong baskets.

That's when the problems arose. Add a basket made by an O'Fallon player but later awarded to Belleville West in response to a protest by the Maroons coach, and you've got a mess.

Ignore the 50-45 West victory and recall that an official stopped play with 3 minutes 32 seconds remaining to correct the wrong way decision at the start of OT, and it's easy to understand why O'Fallon protested.

However, according to Donald Robinson, the Illinois High School Association associate executive director, the IHSA does not permit protests. Thus, the outcome stands.

In response to the protest filed by O'Fallon athletic director Steve Oliver, Robinson wrote: "I am in receipt of your Dec. 4 fax requesting that game results ... be voided and the contest resumed at the point that the error occurred."

"While I am in agreement with you that an error did occur by allowing the players to begin the overtime going the wrong direction, the error was corrected as best it could be by applying National Federation Rule 4-5.4. Since the IHSA by-laws do not permit protests, there is nothing that can be done to change the outcome of the game. I have discussed the incident with the officials, and they are aware of the error."

Yet, in discussing the matter with Robinson, who the IHSA can ill-afford to lose when he resigns in June, I am convinced that he like the game officials — are in agreement that there was more than one error.

"The basket never should have been awarded to Belleville West although, as Don mentioned, it really means nothing if the IHSA does not accept protests."

"You can protest a lot of things," Robinson said in referring to such things as the protest a school might file against an opponent for using an ineligible player.

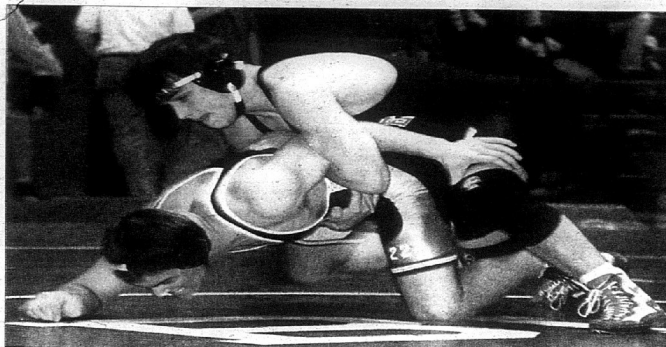
"But when it comes to a game, you cannot recreate the situation — the same exact situation that occurred at the point of protest."

Hearing such still did not convince me that the IHSA has never ruled on a game protest. Sure enough, Robinson recalled an incident that occurred in the early 1970s (prior to his joining the IHSA in '78) in which an outcome in a IHSA Class A boys regional basketball tourney was changed.

"It was a game between two schools in the Chicago area, and a scoring error occurred," said Robinson.

As you might suspect, the protesting school had to take its case to a different court — one where a judge quickly ruled on the matter, causing the IHSA, indeed, to accept and rule on the protest.

At this point, there is no indication O'Fallon will take its case to a court of law.



Granite City 171-pounder Justin Hale (top) on his first decision Monday morning at the Granite City Holiday Wrestling Tournament.

## Warriors struggle in first session

Granite City stays in hunt for tourney title but Garland unimpressed

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Granite City had only one wrestler eliminated in the first session of its own Holiday Wrestling Tournament on Monday morning, but the Warriors were not exactly celebrating. Five wrestlers — captains Kevin Venne, Brooks Narvaer and George Kirgan as well as Dennis Davis and Steve Peach — had first-round byes.

Davis lost in the second round to Mahomet Seymour's Ted Cox, while Peach came back to pin Hazelwood (Mo.) Central's Keith Reese at 2:44. Tom Tedesco was the only Warriors wrestler eliminated in the first session. Nonetheless, Granite City coach Mike Garland was not impressed with the performance in the early stages.

"I don't think we did very

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## Granite City defeated in opening game at Classic

Chatham Glenwood extends unbeaten string to eight with victory in first round of Collinsville/Schnucks tourney

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

Somebody forgot to tell Chatham Glenwood the football season has been over for more than a month.

The Redskins, who won the IHSA Class 4A state championship in football with a 14-0 record, have carried the momentum into the boys basketball season. Chatham Glenwood improved to 8-0 with a 57-41 victory against Granite City on Monday night in the opening round of the Collinsville High/Schnucks Holiday Classic.

Granite City coach John Van Buskirk thought the game resembled a football contest at times.

"They were very physical," Van Buskirk said. "They beat the hell out of us." The Redskins did not have to rely on their physical presence in the first quarter as Griff Jurgens hit three 3-pointers. Darrin Vogt and Clint Moore each added one trey as Chatham Glenwood raced to an 18-4 lead.

Van Buskirk said the Redskins' 3-point shooting should not have startled the Warriors. "We knew what they could do," Van Buskirk said. "Our kids weren't ready to play. We knew their personnel. We knew they could make 3's. We didn't adjust to that. We were playing man-to-man for three quarters of the game and that's not one of the defenses we wanted to play. The credit goes to them."

The Redskins pushed their lead to 21-6 before the Warriors went on an 11-point run to cut the margin to 21-17. Redskins coach Chuck Snow called a timeout and his team went on a 9-0 spree for a 30-17 halftime lead.

Van Buskirk said that scoring spurt doomed the Warriors. "We got down and got it back to four

"We got down and got it back to four (points) and then we quit. We let them score nine straight points and that was the game. There was the game. We fought back to that point and then they just worked harder than we did. We didn't have a very good game."

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Granite City coach

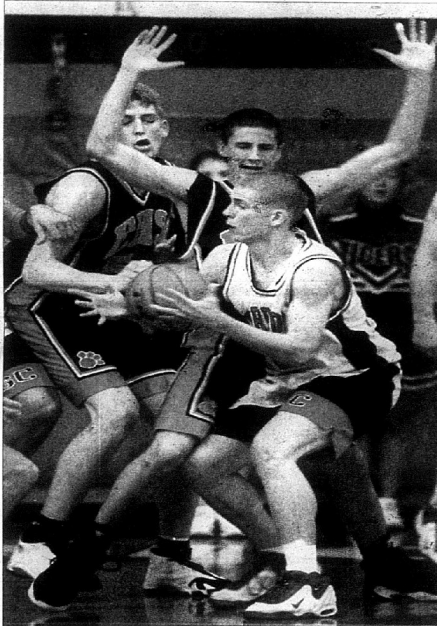
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Only two Redskins scored in double figures — Jurgens (11) and Ken Boyle (10) — but eight different players scored for Chatham Glenwood.

Matt Pistorius paced Granite City with 11 points.

Chatham Glenwood 57,  
Granite City 41

Chatham Glenwood 18 12 10 17 — 57  
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Granite City — Pistorius 11, May 6, Elliott 7, Tindall 9, Simpson 2, Wallace 6. 2FG-12 3FG-1 FT-14.



Granite City's Matt Pistorius scored 11 points in the Warriors' game Monday.

## Belleville East quarterback Patterson commits to University of Minnesota

Lancers senior passed for more than 1,100 yards this fall

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

The leader of the Lancers is about to become a member of the Golden Gophers. Tony Patterson, Belleville East's starting quarterback for the past two seasons, has given an oral commitment to attend the University of Minnesota.

The 6-foot-3, 190-pound Patterson, who also plays basketball for East, made his decision Dec. 18 after meeting with Minnesota coach Glen Mason. He chose the Big 10 school despite not having visited its campus.

"I also looked at Illinois, Mizzou (the University of Missouri) and Miami of Ohio," Patterson said. "I didn't go on official visits to Mizzou or Illinois, but I had been to Mizzou for a football game and I had been to Illinois for basketball games and for their pre-recruiting day."

"I know some people who have been to Minnesota and they say it's really nice. Minneapolis-St. Paul is a nice area and it has good opportunities. The school has a good program in physical therapy, which is what I want to major in."

Minnesota had recruited Patterson since the end of his junior season. "Coach Mason said (Belleville East) Coach (Mike) McGinnis had sent a couple tapes to him, so he watched some of my games," Patterson said. "I met with him last Friday after our basketball game against Granite City."

"I can talk for hours about Tony. He's a coach's dream. He's a hard-working kid and he's quick at understanding things. He has unlimited potential."

Mike McGinnis  
Belleville East coach

It was the first time I had seen Coach Mason, but I had seen my recruiting coach, (Golden Gophers assistant) Mitch Browning, several times.

"(Mason) offered me a scholarship and I wasn't sure I wanted to take it because I hadn't visited the campus. But I believe I'll like it. It's a Big 10 school and it's got everything I'm looking for."

As a senior at East, Patterson threw for more than 1,100 yards and connected on 11 touchdown passes while leading the Lancers to a 6-4 record and a berth in the Class 6A playoffs. In 1997, Patterson was a main component as the Lancers went 7-3 and won the Southwestern Conference title in addition to earning a playoff berth.

Minnesota's offense seems to fit Patterson's playing style. Mason told Patterson the Golden Gophers like to throw the ball, but they also



Belleville East senior quarterback Tony Patterson made an oral commitment to the University of Minnesota.

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# Sports

## DOBBS Cardinals Team of the Week



### Tournament champs

The Purple Crush 85 girls soccer team, sponsored by Mercantile Bank, placed first in the 12th annual Tournament of Champions Indoor Soccer Tournament, Nov. 27-30 at Ballpark in O'Fallon. Members of the team (from left) are: in front — Beth Stack, Amy Harper, Kim Reiniger, Andrea Beckman, Tricia Wylie, Kristina Henson, Ashley Camillo; in back — Ashley Steinwagner, Jessica Cavins, Tiffany Welmon, Amber Beard, Dawn Dankenbring, Sara Tognarelli and Jennifer Harris. The coaches are Jim Steinwagner, Tom Reiniger and Joe Camillo. Not pictured: Ashley Schmitt and Emily Dunham.

## Bowling results

## Metro East Masters League

### Week 8 Round 2

#### Division A

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	Pts.
Bush Mtn. Men	1825	93.5	.513	48683
Miller Gen. Draft	131	51.245	.513	47880
Bovinetto Ins.	131	51.25	.511	48725
Nuna Meats	118	51.57	.462	47800
West Park Bowl	111	51.445	.435	48183
Bowlers Shoppe	110	146	.429	48556

#### Division B

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	Pts.
Pasta House	176	78.5	.548	48413
Heritage	140	51.15	.548	48413
Mike Booker Insur.	123	51.325	.482	47775
Viviano's	123	51.325	.482	47775
Midwest Title	113	143	.441	49014
Auffenberg Ford	94	162	.367	47202

### High Scratch Game

Mike Lay.....	300
Jason Timmerman.....	300
Des Bourgeois.....	300
Jim Loeche Jr.....	300
Randy Rau.....	300

### High Scratch Series

Randy Rau.....	804
Des Bourgeois.....	802

### MATCH POINT LEADERS

#### Individual Points

Mike Lay.....	50.5
Todd Wiesemann.....	49.5
Jay Bradshaw.....	46.5
Doug Kaup.....	45.5

Gary White..... 41.0

### MATCH RESULTS

(Dec. 21)

Pasta House 20½, Auffenberg

Ford 11½, High series: Pasta

House — John Bogacki Jr.

685, Jim Loeche Sr. 684, Auf-

tenberg Ford — Mike Mine-

berg 684, Terry Guyer 624.

Busch Mountain Man 29½,

West Park Bowl 2½, High

series: West Park Bowl — Des

Bourgeois 655, Linda Brad-

shaw 648; Bush Mountain

Men — Mike Ives 722, Jim

Loesche Jr. 707.

Bowlers Shoppe 22½, Miller

Genuine Draft 9½, High series:

Bowlers Shoppe — Steve Birk

ant 684, Mark Bray 659, Matt

Cleveland 659; Miller, Genuine

Draft — Dan Parkerson 651,

Shawn Nickles 635.

Heritage Lincoln/Mercury 21,

Midwest Title 11, High series:

Heritage Lincoln/Mercury —

Steve Siegel 725, Doug Kaup

700; Midwest Title — Mike

Lay 717; Larry Christensen

611.

Bovinetto Insurance 17, Kuna

Meats 15, High series: Rob

Smith 732, John Bonzo 625;

770, Brian Hammond 643.

Mike Booker Insurance 21,

Viviano's 11, High series:

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Gary White 732, John Bauer

637; Viviano's Italian Restau-

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# Patterson picks Minnesota for his collegiate career

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like to use the option and the rollout. "They guaranteed me I would get to play quarterback, which is what I wanted," Patterson said. "They have two quarterbacks on scholarship, so I feel there's a chance for me to get some playing time. "Some schools wanted to recruit me as an athlete and not as a quarterback, but I've been a quarterback since I was 8 (with the Belleville Little Knights). It's what I started with and I didn't want to change in college."

"I still think I made the right decision. I have no second thoughts." After missing most of his sophomore year with an injury, Patterson became East's starting quarterback as a junior. "My first year, I really didn't have to do much because we had a great backfield," Patterson said. "This year, (running back) Dante (Brinkley) got hurt and I felt I had to step up. I improved on a lot of little stuff that might not get noticed, like reading coverages. "I spent a little time in the weight room working on my strength. I knew we couldn't run the ball all the time. "We went to the University of Illinois passing

camp and the University of Missouri passing camp, and we went to the Prairie State Games. We played a lot of seven-on-seven football over the summer. During the season, when we were off on Sundays, we would practice in the park."

Basketball keeps Patterson busy during the winter. "I like basketball, but I like football better," he said. "It's a different type of conditioning for basketball. You can't take a break on the floor because your man will go right past you and score."

"I'm pretty happy with what we accomplished in football. We made the playoffs my junior and senior years. A lot of people didn't think we were a playoff-caliber team last year, but we proved them wrong." Patterson isn't sure what is in store for him his first year at Minnesota. "(Mason) didn't say anything about red-shirting me, but I don't know what their plans are," Patterson said. "Red-shirting gives you a chance to gain strength and fit in with the program, so it wouldn't matter to me if I did. If I don't red shirt, I'll just have to study (game) film a little more." McGinnis, meanwhile, isn't surprised

"I'm pretty happy with what we accomplished in football. We made the playoffs my junior and senior years."

Tony Patterson

Belleville East quarterback

Patterson has developed into an NCAA Division I quarterback.

Tony broke his collarbone in his first freshman game against Moline. McGinnis said. "He was playing safety and making a tackle. He missed the rest of the season, so it was quite a feat as a junior to come back and be our starting quarterback. He was a little tentative at first, but each week he got better and better and turned out to be quite a playmaker."

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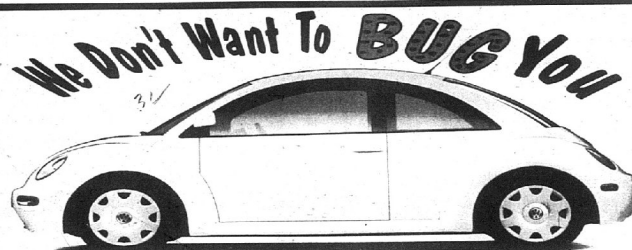
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Christmas is always a special time of year. These area babies along with their families want to share with you these precious photos. The Suburban Journals along with our readers wish them all the best this holiday, their first Christmas.



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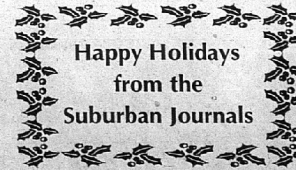
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# Sports

## Warriors struggle in opening session at holiday tourney

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well," Garland said. "Guys getting caught in junk moves, getting pinned. That's why we're in the position we are in. It's a long tournament, a long way to go, and we'll see if we can bounce back."

"Having five byes doesn't help. I wasn't happy with the drawing and the way things were, but this year I had no control over it, so I guess that's just the way things go. We'll just have to toughen up and carry on. We have to win two out of three."

"I think my match went good," Peach said after his second-round win. "The kid was pretty strong. For his size, he was pretty good." "I think the most important thing in this tournament is conditioning. You have to be in good condition to win and that's what we work a lot on in practice. I spend a little time on technique and a lot of time working in the room, a little weight training and stuff like that."

"We've got a good chance to win the team title if we all wrestle to our expectations," Garland said. "He's wrestled one tough match and he got beat in it, against the Moline kid. So in my book, Peach has a good record, but he is 0-1 against tough kids. We'll see what happens when he gets against the tough kids. So many times, people misconstrue our records, because what is our record against tough kids? On this team it's 1-4, 2-3. That's what I go by. I don't go by the overall record, where it looks like we've beaten everybody. Steve is wrestling well. We'll see what he does against tough kids."

Peach was to wrestle St. Charles (Mo.) Francis Howell North in the second round today for the right to go into Tuesday's elimination rounds undefeated.

Granite City's Jake Tritan (112 pounds) won his first match 2-1 and pinned Cahokia's Dexter Johnson in the second round to advance. Paul Johnson (125 pounds) won his first match by fall and then held off a late

charge to rise by Belleville West's Dusty Carpenter to win 4-3. Heavyweight Craig Mooshegian also won his only match of the morning session.

The Warriors' team chances took a blow when 169-pounder Bobby Grammer lost to Edwardsville junior Joe Bevis — one of the area's standout football players — 13-7 in the opening round. Bevis had beaten Grammer 6-6 earlier this month when the teams met in a dual match.

To add to the Warriors' woes, senior Ryan Worthen (140 pounds) was pinned by Belleville West's Derek Stoll. "Matches like that don't surprise me with Ryan because he doesn't work hard enough in practice," Garland said. "You can't work on your feet just when the coaches tell you. You've got to work harder in practice. Until that happens, this kind of thing is going to happen to him."

"I'm not taking anything away from the Belleville kid, but

a senior from Granite City should not get pinned in that hold. That's a fish hold to get caught and pinned in, that should not happen."

"I wasn't happy with Bobby Grammer. Bobby wrestled the third period. If he wrestles six minutes like he did in the third period, he beats the Edwardsville kid."

"There are some things you have no control over as a coach. Those are things that the kids are going to have pull out from within themselves, the will to win. You have to take the mat to win, not take the mat to go down. You have to win two out of three to get to tomorrow, and then tomorrow it's no wins and no losses. We've only had one guy eliminated so far, so until you are eliminated you still have a life."

The elimination matches began Tuesday morning at 11 a.m.

Granite City results  
100 pounds — Steve Peach wins by forfeit; Peach defeated Keith

Roose (Hazelwood, Mo. Central) by fall, 2-0.  
112 — Jake Tritan defeated Jamie Huebner (Civic Memorial, 2-1; Tritan defeated Dexter Johnson (Cahokia) by fall.

119 — Tom Tedesco lost to Burke Bohnsack (Cahokia, 12-2; Tedesco lost to Joe Rujawitz (Belleville West) by fall, 1-0.

125 — Paul Johnson defeated Bill Demars (Belleville East) by fall, 1-0; Johnson defeated Dusty Carpenter (Belleville West), 4-3.

130 — Ben Lofink defeated Ben Gardner (O'Fallon) by fall, 5-4; Lofink lost to Tim Vogel (Oakville, Mo.) by technical fall, 4-14.

135 — Dennis Davis won by forfeit; Davis lost to Ted Cox (Mahomet) by technical fall, 12-8.

met Seymour) by technical fall, 4-17.  
140 — Ryan Worthen defeated Ian Williams (Cahokia) by fall, 17-0; Worthen lost to Derek Stoll (Belleville West) by fall, 1-07.

145 — Jim Treakle lost to Matt Stump (Belleville Althoff), 13-5.  
162 — Brooks Narvaez won by forfeit.

160 — George Kirgan won by forfeit.  
171 — Justin Hale defeated Kevin Sangiolo (Belleville West), 12-7.

189 — Bobby Grammer lost to Joe Bevis (Edwardsville), 13-9.  
215 — Kevin Vennne won by forfeit.

275 — Craig Mooshegian defeated Nathan Hustedde (O'Fallon), 12-8.

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furniture suits people's limited space and busy lives, said Susan Denney, owner of Minnesota-based Conestoga Wood Inc. Conestoga makes a wide variety of wooden benches, trunks and armoires. "Storage benches are big, for example, because they provide storage, seating and create a focal point in an entry or hallway," Denney said.

Cedar chests are another strong seller. "We make a whole line of trunks that are finished all the way around, so

they can be used as a coffee table."

Conestoga's newest offering is a dining nook ensemble with L-shaped benches that open to provide storage for table linens, silver or kids' homework supplies.

La-Z-Boy has picked up on the double-duty theme, with a new line of handsome armchairs that open to comfortable single beds.

"We've had great success with our 'chair and a half' sleepers, and we're expanding

the line," said John Chase, La-Z-Boy vice president of marketing. "They convert from a home office chair to a spare bed for guests. People are using them in dens and studies, in studio apartments — anywhere space is at a premium."

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## Holiday pet gifts also mean discussing responsibilities

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As the lid opens, out pops a squirming brown and white puppy with one ear tipped to the front. Giggling and screaming, the children roll on the floor among wrapping paper and ribbon with their cuddly new companion. The perfect present.

The scene is familiar. It's one that's reenacted millions of times each year across the country. And as warm and wonderful as this vision is, I caution anyone considering giving a pet as a gift for several reasons.

Responsible pet ownership, according to Brian Devine, chairman, CEO and president of PETCO Animal Supplies Inc., means asking yourself

(or the person whom you are considering giving a pet) a few key questions:

• Do you have the financial resources to take proper care of the pet, such as a budget for vet care and proper nutrition? Daily care doesn't cost a whole lot, but unforeseen health emergencies can cost several hundred dollars.

• Has anyone read about and know the basic needs of the pet being considered? Libraries and pet stores carry books and pamphlets. A veterinarian can also answer many questions. Know all about the pet's needs before making a decision.

• Has anyone considered the time it may take to exercise the pet to keep him or her healthy? Dogs need space to move and run or should be walked regularly. Cats can be exercised with a string or

often having a feline playmate can provide much-needed exercise.

• Who will be responsible for the pet's primary care (daily feeding, fresh water, exercise, etc.)?

• Who will take care of the pet when the caregiver is away from home for long periods of time? Research pet sitters, kennels or ask a friend or family member if they would consider watching the

pet.

• One final thing to consider is the holidays are usually hectic full of presents, food and people. This is often stressful to an animal trying to adjust to its new surroundings.

In addition to these basic considerations, it is important the potential pet owner have the opportunity to hand-pick their pet based on their own personality as well as that of

the animal.

Mr. Devine recommends that if you want to give a pet as a gift, take the potential pet owner to a local shelter to hand-select their pet after the holiday rush is over, or you

can hint at their soon-to-be present with PETCO gift certificates. That way everyone can share in the positive experience of pet ownership from beginning to end.

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# Season's Greetings

## Gift selection means happy holidays for outdoor enthusiasts

Choosing gifts for outdoor guys and gals doesn't have to be a hassle for folks wise enough to pick from Santa's special list. This year's selections include a polypourri of some of the season's best buys, ranging from stocking stuffers to bigger selections that might require an anchor to stay in place.

So if that special somebody just happens to be someone who likes to hunt, hike, fish, shoot or simply enjoys a sunny getaway when winter winds blow, search no farther than this wish list in right on target.

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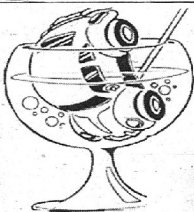
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## The traditional carol's gifts can cost up to more than \$10,000

By Cathy Pezold  
Staff writer

Second of two parts.  
The mid-point subtotal to purchase the gifts listed in the traditional Christmas carol "The 12 Days of Christmas" came to anywhere between \$414.18 and \$3,019.22.

Here is a compilation of some interpretations of verses seven through 12, and how much they would cost.

Seven swans a-swimming — One way to fulfill the seventh day of Christmas would be to visit the St. Louis Zoo.

The Zoo does not charge admission, so it's possible to take your true love to see the swans for free. But Christy Childs, who does public relations for the Zoo, offers another way to "give" someone a swan.

"Through our Zoo Parents Program, you can 'adopt' a swan for \$15," Childs said. "That gets you into a group adoption, which means several people support one swan. The money goes toward care and feeding."

While Childs said the Zoo does not have seven swans, the

cost of seven partial adoptions would be \$105.

Eight maids a-milking — For eight maids a-milking, it wouldn't be very practical to buy eight dairy cows and then hope to find eight maids willing to milk them.

An adaptation may be to buy the object of your affection eight gallons of milk. Oberweis Dairy, 9415 Mid County Industrial Drive, has home delivery of milk in glass bottles.

Jennifer Richmond, customer service representative for Oberweis

Dairy, said they deliver milk in half-gallon glass bottles directly to your home.

"We ask that you have a cooler for the milk to be delivered into," Richmond said. "Any cooler will do as long as it is not a Styrofoam cooler."

The price for a half-gallon of whole milk is \$2.10, which means eight gallons of milk plus the \$1.95 delivery fee would cost \$35.55 to have "eight maids a-milking" delivered to your true love's door.

Nine ladies dancing — One

way to fulfill the verse "nine ladies dancing" would be to buy ballroom dancing lessons.

The St. Ann Community Center offers ballroom dancing lessons Jan. 12 through Feb. 22. The weekly lessons meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m., and the fee is \$13.50 for St. Ann residents and \$20 for non-residents.

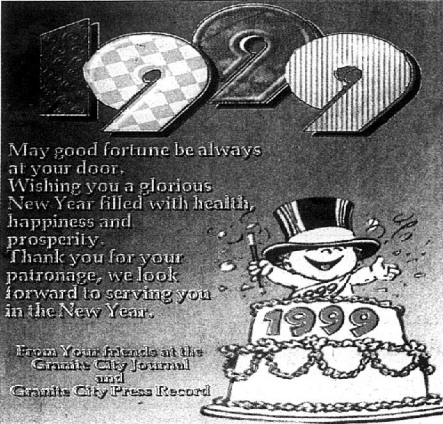
Assuming that there are at least eight other couples in the class, this will total nine ladies dancing. So your only cost will be two sets of lessons, one for you and one for your true love. That comes to either \$27 or

\$40 to lords a-leaping — An interpretation of the 10th day of Christmas would be to buy a videotaped copy of Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance." Granted, the man who made Celtic dance into a worldwide phenomenon isn't necessarily a lord, but he does leap a lot.

The performance, filmed at the Point Theater in Dublin, retells Irish folk legend through dance. And while the dance company doesn't necessarily consist of lords, there are definitely at least 10 of them doing some leaping.

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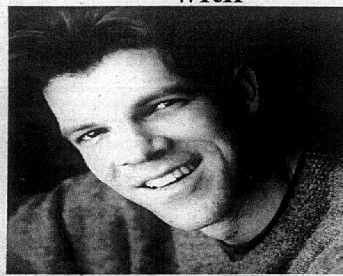


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### Lively Taste

Kwanzaa, which means "first fruits," holds a rich smorgasbord of cultural identity for African-Americans. The karamu feast Dec. 31 usually is a potluck with traditional foods native to Africa — including black-eyed peas, rice, yams, okra and peanuts — with variations representing lands where African people have lived. Jollof rice, a West African dish, offers the spirit of the occasion. Basically a rice and chicken dish, it has as many variations as the kitchens in which it is cooked. Brown 3 pounds cut-up chicken in 2 tablespoons peanut oil about 15 minutes. Remove the chicken. Place 1 medium onion and 3 cloves garlic, chopped, in the same skillet. Cook until onion is just tender. Drain off fat. Return chicken to skillet. Combine 1 can (16 ounces) chopped tomatoes, 1-1/4 cups chicken broth, 1 bay leaf, a little salt, 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper, and 1/2 teaspoon ginger, cinnamon or thyme. Pour over the chicken; do not stir. Simmer, covered, 30 minutes. Skim off fat. Add 1 cup uncooked long-grain rice, being certain liquid covers rice. Simmer, covered, 30 minutes. To serve, remove bay leaf. A little ham can be added for extra flavor of the dish can be cooked with fresh carrots, green beans, mushrooms, bell pepper or peas.

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The National Immunization Information Hotline of the Center for Disease Control provides toll-free information on vaccines, publications and referrals about diseases preventable by vaccine. Information specialists answer questions in English at toll-free 1-800-232-2522; for Spanish service call 1-800-232-0233.

### Fresh Picks

For those whose tolerance level for green bean casserole has hit a new low, try the mixture with other fresh vegetables. Bring 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) cream of mushroom soup (regular or low-fat) and 1/2 cup milk to a boil, stirring often. Add 2 cups broccoli florets, 1 cup cauliflower florets and 1 cup sliced carrot (about 2 medium) over low heat. Cook, covered, 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Add 2 tablespoons Worcestershire, or soy sauce. Makes about 6 servings.

### Big Fat Tip

Choose low-fat crackers for appetizers. Take a cue from the package when deciding which to take home; first check out the labels of those that are "baked." Some made with whole wheat offer a bonus of dietary fiber. For a tangy topper, beat 1 can (14 ounces) artichoke hearts, drained and finely chopped, with 3 ounces neufchâtel (light cream) cheese (softened), using an electric mixer. Stir in 2 tablespoons chopped roasted red pepper and 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley. At serving time, spread about 2 teaspoons mixture on each cracker.

### Future Shop

Ordering at fast food restaurants may skip the human element soon. Burger King is testing a system whereby a drive-up customer punches in his own order, cued by visual aids. It also is working to coordinate this with a frequent-user program, so loyal customers get the benefit of promotions when they present a "smart-card."



# Lucky Starts

## Traditional foods begin 1999 on star-struck track

By Janice Denham  
Staff writer

Whether it turns up on the table as the rice of Hoppin' John in the South or rice pudding for Scandinavians or sets those who love fish apart when they eat herring, ways to win at finding good luck is the new year's game. Green food, leafy greens in particular, translate into money for the lucky few, so wealth and prosperity go with those who eat them. The almond of good luck set into rice pudding or a holiday cake means someone will find true love and be married in the coming year. Some traditionalists of the world believe the

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It doesn't take much to get children into the spirit of celebrating the new year. Still, a little confetti and some party foods never cut the fun from the occasion.

Let the kids make ice cubes the day before the party to put in glasses or drop into a punch bowl. Submerge a piece of fruit — a strawberry or raspberry or grape, chunk of orange, lime or lemon; twist of citrus peel; a maraschino cherry or pineapple tidbit — in individual cups of an ice cube tray. Add water. Freeze until solid. For a drink stirrer, thread pieces of fruit on short skewers.

It is nice to offer something out of the ordinary, like bottled water, to the pint-size set for their own toast. In combination, mix together 1/2 cup grape juice, 1/2 cup cranberry juice cocktail or other colorful juice, plus 8 ounces cold bottled water. Pour over fancy ice cubes in 2 or 3 glasses.

Other typical new year's fun comes with serving cheese with crisp crackers, making petit fours (drizzle icing made with flavored confectioner's sugar over cake cubes or cookies) to eat later, cutting up veggies to go with dip and going outside to clank pans and blow bubbles at the stroke of midnight.



## Kids' Cuisine

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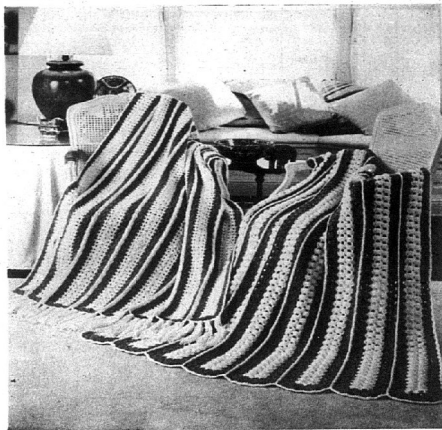
## Mile-a-minute afghans speed onto joyful ride

Coming off a busy season doesn't mean free time is gone forever. Just when it seems like a person could not be busier, there is something else to do. Most people find free time truly at a premium. Finding a way to fit more of what a person loves to do into the time available in the new year is not a dream of the past.

If crocheting is an enjoyable pastime, there is an easy way to get more of it done in leisure time. There is no quicker way to make an afghan than the "mile-a-minute" technique. It's simple: Crochet long rows of shells and connect the rows. Using this technique, an afghan can be done in a weekend.

It is also a quick technique to learn. All that is needed is needed is worsted-weight yarn, crochet hooks and the help of a new, 17-page guidebook, "Mile-a-Minute Afghans." Featuring step-by-step instructions and materials lists for six fast and lovely designs that can be decorated and given as gifts, the book also includes tips and techniques, metric conversion charts and a guide to abbreviations and symbols.

Designs include Garden Path, Green Meadow, Ribbons and Bows, Peaches, Cotton Puffs and Rose Garden.



Afghans become a weekend project when they ride roller coaster of quick success.

The "Mile-a-Minute Afghans" guidebook, No. AN1107, is \$6.95. Five other afghan designs are available in a 17-page guidebook, "Afghan Elegance," No. AN1129, for \$7.95. Prices include postage and handling for delivery in three to four weeks. For rush delivery in seven to 10 days, add \$1 per item,

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## Lucky

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pig symbolizes good fortune, because the animal always moves forward with its snout to the ground.

Black-eyed peas have spread from their Southern origins throughout the country. Beans throughout the world represent coins in the pocket.

Just for luck then, it is wise to put all the lucky foods on a single table to be sure good fortune multiplies and is spread around. For more recipes using these favored foods, check out the following:

\* New pork recipes, menu suggestions, helpful tips, seasonal ideas and

## GARLICKY GREENS

2 lb. kale, chard or mustard greens, trimmed, cut in 1-inch pieces  
Up to 1 tsp. salt  
4 slices bacon, diced  
1 tsp. olive oil  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
3/4 cup chicken broth  
8 dried tomato halves in oil, drained  
1 tsp. rosemary, crushed  
Pinch red pepper flakes  
Black pepper to taste  
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese

Fill 4-quart saucepan three-fourths full with water; bring to boil. Add salt and bacon. Boil 5 minutes. Add greens. Cook 6 to 8 minutes until almost tender but still bright green. Drain well.

Heat olive oil in large skillet. Sauté garlic, stirring constantly, until tender but not browned. Stir in greens and bacon, broth, tomato, rosemary, red pepper and black pepper. Cook and stir gently until heated through.

Top each serving with dusting of parmesan cheese.

Makes 6 servings, 157 calories and 3 g fat each.

brochure offers are available on the National Pork Producers' web site [www.nppc.org](http://www.nppc.org).

\* For more rice recipes, the USA Rice Federation's web site is available at [www.usarice.com](http://www.usarice.com). For a free brochure of quick and easy rice recipes, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: "Meals in Minutes," USA Rice, P.O. Box 740121, Houston, Texas 77274.

\* "P-Bans, Beans: Beans: California's Finest Recipes," is a cookbook of 86 healthy bean recipes. For a copy, send a check for \$8, payable to California Dry Bean Advisory Board, to: California's Finest Recipes, CDBAB, 531-D North Alta Ave., Dinuba, Calif. 93618.

\* For beverage ideas to use at new year's gatherings, look at the Perrier web site [www.perrier.com](http://www.perrier.com).

## HOPPIN' JOHN

1 cup (8 oz.) dry black-eyed peas  
Water  
1 cup chopped onion  
3/4 cup sliced celery  
1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper  
1 small jalapeno chile, seeded, finely chopped  
1 tsp. minced garlic  
1 tsp. olive oil  
3/4 tsp. leaf oregano  
1/2 tsp. leaf thyme  
1 bay leaf  
3 cups chicken broth  
3/4 cup uncooked rice  
1 to 2 tsp. liquid smoke  
Salt, black pepper and cayenne pepper to taste  
Pepper sauce to taste

Rinse and sort peas. Place in large soup pot. Cover peas by 2 inches with water and heat to boiling. Boil 3 to 4 minutes. Drain and rinse. Prepared this way, blackeyes require about 45 minutes cooking time.

In large saucepan, sauté onion, celery, bell pepper, jalapeno chile and garlic in oil 5 minutes. Stir in oregano, thyme and bay leaf. Sauté 1 to 2 minutes. Add prepared blackeyes and broth. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 25 minutes.

Add rice. Simmer 20 minutes or until blackeyes and rice are tender and broth is almost absorbed. Add 2 cans (15 ounces each) blackeyes, rinsed, drained. Heat through, about 2 to 3 minutes.

Tip: Canned blackeyes can be used. Add 2 cups chicken broth and rice to sautéed vegetables in saucepan. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 20 to 25 minutes until rice is tender and broth is almost absorbed. Add 2 cans (15 ounces each) blackeyes, rinsed, drained. Heat through, about 2 to 3 minutes.

## Pasta treats appetites to wide variety of flavors

By Sherri Hoyt  
Correspondent

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is coming to an end. Relaxed evenings around the fireplace will be a welcome change. To keep mealtime at the same laid-back pace, opt for

## HEARTY BITES

quick-cook meal ideas that center around complex carbohydrates. Complex carbohydrates — like pasta, bread, cereal, rice and legumes — provide our bodies with a constant supply of energy and fit easily into low-fat eating plans.

By themselves, these foods are low in fat and often cholesterol-free, providing B-vitamins, iron and, if whole grain varieties are chosen, a dose of fiber. Keep complex carbohydrates lean by moderating adds-on like cream sauces, heavy cheeses and fatty meats.

Pasta is a naturally quick-to-fix entree. After coming home from work or a full day of carpool duty, set a pot of plain water to boil. Skipping the addition of salt to the water keeps sodium to a minimum.

There is no need to worry about compromising the flavor of the pasta. Pasta has a wonderfully mild flavor all its own that takes well to the addition of robust sauces and toppings.

After the water comes to a full boil, add dry pasta, then build the meal and becomes a balanced meal when served with steamed broccoli, multi-grain rolls and a warm fruit compote. Doubling the recipe means dinner is ready tomorrow night, too, because leftovers warm wonderfully in a

and green peppers. Add pre-cooked lean meat and protein sources, like chicken breast chunks, ground turkey breast, seafood, tofu, or rinsed and drained, canned beans.

For flavor variety and a fiber bonus, experiment with whole grain pasta varieties, like whole wheat spaghetti, macaroni or lasagna noodles. These varieties add a nutty and chewy flavor and texture to favorite pasta dishes.

Read the labels on refrigerator pastas. Many are higher in fat because they contain whole eggs. Instead of traditional dry egg noodles, opt for a yolk-free variety.

Keep calories in check by watching portion size. Too much of a good thing adds up.

One-half cup cooked pasta provides one serving from the bread and cereal group on the Food Guide Pyramid. There is no need to limit portions to just 1/2 cup, but mentally count that 2-cup portion of pasta as four of the recommended servings in a meal plan. For a simple guide in pasta preparation, keep in mind that 1/4 cup uncooked spaghetti or macaroni or 1/3 cup uncooked noodles yields 1/2 cup cooked pasta.

To save extra calories and fat grams, use plenty of water so noodles do not stick. This eliminates the need for adding oil, which packs in about 120 calories and a whopping 14 grams fat per tablespoon.

This main dish takes just minutes to prepare and becomes a balanced meal when served with steamed broccoli, multi-grain rolls and a warm fruit compote. Doubling the recipe means dinner is ready tomorrow night, too, because leftovers warm wonderfully in a

microwave oven.

The recipe is from the "American Heart Association Cookbook," fifth edition.

Registered dietitian Sherri Hoyt is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

## SPAGHETTI WITH PERFECT PESTO

2 cups firmly packed fresh spinach leaves, stems removed  
1/2 cup firmly packed fresh basil leaves  
1/2 cup firmly packed fresh parsley, stems removed  
2 or 3 cloves garlic, minced  
1/4 cup olive oil  
Freshly ground pepper to taste  
1/3 cup freshly grated romano cheese  
1/2 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese  
1/3 cup unsalted dry-roasted pine nuts, if desired  
12 oz. uncooked thin spaghetti

Rinse spinach and herbs thoroughly before measuring, but do not dry.

In blender or food processor, process spinach, basil, parsley, garlic, olive oil, pepper, romano and parmesan cheese and pine nuts until almost pureed. If mixture is too thick, add 1 to 2 tablespoons water.

Cook spaghetti according to package directions, omitting salt. Drain. Toss with sauce while spaghetti is hot.

Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings; 427 calories, 15 g protein, 18 g fat, 52 g carbohydrate, 13 mg cholesterol and 253 mg sodium each. To cut fat and calories, nuts and cheese can be reduced.

## Southern hospitality issues wish for good luck in 1999

Byline: By Betty Serati  
Correspondent

American cuisine is incredibly varied in different regions. A joy of traveling is tasting fabulous foods that are local specialties.

New year's celebrations are filled with tasty treats that identify the locale of the festivities. The West Coast is known for vegetarian culinary delights, while the East Coast boasts of crab-cakes and other seafood dishes. Cooks in the Southwest specialize in chile peppers and cumin to bring a spicy Tex-Mex flavor to nearly every meal.

No region's food receives more publicity than the South. It has an ambience and flavor that is pure "comfort." It does not require a sophisticated palate. In fact, Southern cooking is primarily home cooking with a large variety of fresh produce.

It lends itself well to the convenience of a microwave oven. Grits, hominy that is dried and ground, is synonymous with the South. Canned hominy, which is dried corn with the outer hull removed, is found on grocer's shelves through-

out the country. It is an easy way to get acquainted with Southern cooking without undue cooking.

A true southern New Year's party must have black-eyed peas, because, according to tradition, each black-eyed pea eaten on New Year's Day brings the diner a lucky day.

Serve these recipes for the onset of 1999 and expect to be asked to repeat your southern hospitality over and over.

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## BLACK-EYED PEAS

4 cups water  
2 cups black-eyed snap peas (tiny pods filled with immature peas)  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
2 tsp. butter or margarine  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. freshly ground pepper

In large microwave-safe bowl, heat water on high power 8 to 10 minutes until it boils. Add peas. Cook on high power 6 to 8 minutes until tender.

Drain water. Stir in onion, butter, salt and pepper. Cook on high power 3 to 4 minutes until onion is tender.

Makes 4 servings.

in microwave cooking.

## CHEESY HOMINY CASSEROLE

3 cans (15-1/2 oz. each) white hominy, drained  
2 cans (11 oz. each) white corn, drained  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1 tbsp. cornstarch  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream  
1-1/2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack cheese  
1-1/2 cups (6 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese  
Paprika

Rinse hominy and drain well. Stir in corn, onion, cornstarch, salt and sour cream; mix well. In separate dish, combine Monterey Jack and cheddar cheese.

Spoon half the hominy mixture into ungreased 17-by-11-inch microwave-safe dish. Sprinkle half the cheese mixture on top. Repeat hominy and cheese layers. Sprinkle with paprika.

Cook on medium (50 percent) power 12 to 15 minutes until cheeses melt and casserole is heated through.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.



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## Recipe

### WHITE CHILI

- 1 lb. dried small white beans, rinsed, picked over to clean
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 large onion, minced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cans (4 oz. each) chopped green chilies
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 8 to 10 cups canned

chicken broth  
4 cups cooked turkey or ham, cut in 1 inch pieces  
Freshly ground pepper to taste  
3 cups (12 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack cheese  
Salsa, sour cream and minced fresh cilantro for garnish

Place beans in large pot or bowl. Cover generously with cold water. Let soak overnight. Drain.  
Heat oil over medium-high heat in large pot. Sauté onion about 10 minutes until soft and

translucent. Stir in garlic, chiles, cumin, oregano, cinnamon and cayenne. Saute 3 minutes longer.

Add beans and 8 cups broth. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer 2 to 3 hours until beans are tender. If dry, add more broth.  
Stir in turkey. Season with salt and pepper.  
Just before serving, stir in 1½ cups cheese. Cook 1 to 2 minutes until melted.  
Ladle chili into bowls. Garnish with remaining cheese, salsa, sour cream and fresh cilantro. Serve immediately.

## Don't wait; refrigerate

By Cynthia Fauser  
Correspondent

Pumpkin pie, custard pies, chess pie and pecan pie — all are wonderful holiday traditions that need preserving with refrigeration.

### WISE WAYS

Many families keep this type of dessert out on the counter for several days. Unfortunately, they may be setting themselves up for a case of food-borne illness. Why? Because these pies all contain eggs and most are actually custards. Foods that contain eggs, milk and a high moisture content, like custard and pumpkin pie, need to be refrigerated because bacteria love to grow in

these kinds of foods.

Taste or smell does not indicate the presence of bacteria that can cause illness.

Some argue, "But I see pumpkin pies sold unrefrigerated at my grocery store all the time, so it must be OK."

The St. Louis County Health Department has rules about that. Bakeries wishing to sell such pies without refrigeration must submit a lab test report showing the pie recipe they use will not support bacterial growth. By adding preservatives or altering the acidity, commercial recipes can be made shelf-stable, as documented by the lab test. Shelf-stable pies are labeled to avoid confusion

with pies requiring refrigeration, often with "SS" stamped on the pie tin or a stick-on dot label. Custard-type and meringue pies not labeled as shelf-stable, including those made at home, should be refrigerated.

Make it a new family tradition for 1999: Don't hesitate. Refrigerate.

A free brochure, "Holiday Food Safety," is available from the St. Louis County Extension Office. Call (314) 889-2911 to request it.

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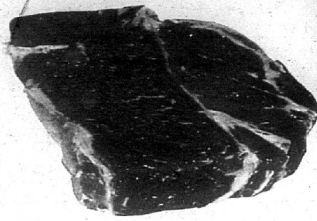




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# Winning recipe proves ingredients hold luck

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All three top prize-winning recipes contained sausage in one form or another. Appropriate for the new year's holiday, the good-luck ingredients are black-eyed peas and greens baked under a topping of moist and cheesy cornbread.

Local favorite Patricia Reese of Whitwell, Tenn., took home the \$200 cash prize with her easy Sausage Brunch Bake, which would be excellent for a New Year's Day brunch.

Browned pork sausage, onion, green pepper and eggs for a quiche-like layer between a top and bottom

cornbread crust. Made easily with a cornbread mix, the crust is extra-crisp and deep golden brown.

### FESTIVE GOOD LUCK CORNBREAD SKILLET

- 1 lb. smoked sausage, cut lengthwise, then sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 or 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 2 cans (15 oz. each) black-eyed peas, drained
- 1 can (14.5 oz.) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 tsp. pepper sauce (or to taste)
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped collard greens, thawed
- 2 cups self-rising cornmeal mix
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese

1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley or cilantro

Preheat oven to 400°. In 12-inch cast iron skillet over medium-high heat, cook sausage, onion and garlic until sausage is browned and onion translucent. Stir in black-eyed peas, broth, pepper sauce and greens. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer 10 minutes.

In large bowl, combine cornbread mix, sugar, buttermilk, egg, oil, cheese and parsley. Stir until smooth. Spoon batter over sausage mixture in skillet, spreading evenly. Bake in preheated oven 30 to 40 minutes until cornbread is browned.

Makes 6 to 8 servings; 540 calories, 27 g fat, 75 mg cholesterol, 1,570 mg sodium, 51 g carbohydrate, 23 g protein and 6 g dietary fiber each, based on 8 servings. Dietary exchanges: 3 1/2 starch (or carbohydrate), 2 medium-fat meat, 2 1/2 fat.

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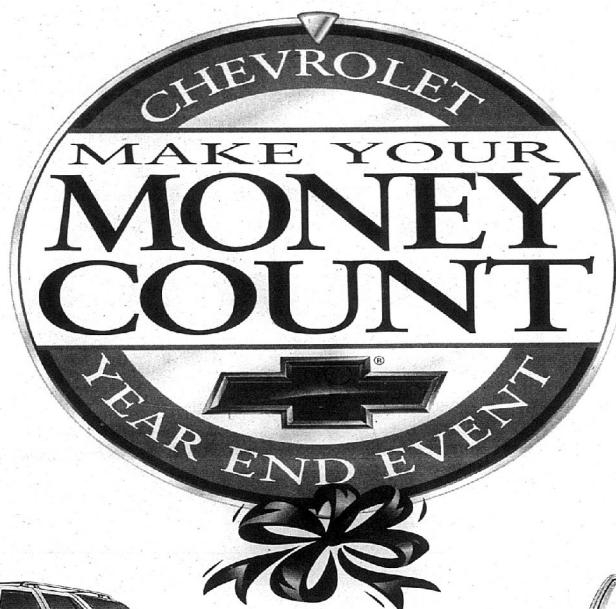
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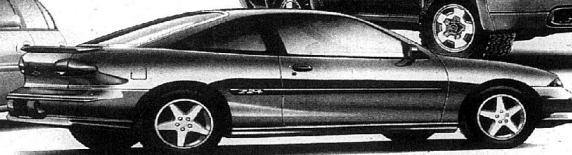


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## Today's Food

# 'Lite' New Year's Eve previews healthy resolve

By Melanie Polk  
Correspondent

Why wait until Jan. 1 to start a New Year's resolution to eat better for good health? Ring in the new year with appetizers and party treats that have all the taste and texture of high-fat fare, but pave the way to healthier eating in 1999.

Make an Italian bruschetta canape by grilling 1/2-inch slices of French- or Italian-style baguettes until browned. Make a topping by combining 3 seeded, diced tomatoes; a bunch of arugula, cut in slivers; 2 shallots, minced; 1 1/2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar; and 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil. Just before serving, rub each bruschetta with cut garlic and place a spoonful of topping on each.

Roasted vegetables make healthful, colorful hors d'oeuvres. Roast, peel and chop small eggplants, red bell pepper, onion and garlic cloves. Toss with a bit of olive oil, salt and freshly ground pepper. Serve on toasted pita triangles.

Baby vegetables are colorful finger foods. Slice the top off cherry tomatoes

and carefully remove the seeds. Boil baby zucchini until tender-crisp, cut in half lengthwise and carefully scoop out the seeds.

Fill the vegetables with a tapenade mixture of pureed black olives, garlic, capers, anchovies, thyme and rosemary, lemon juice, Dijon mustard, olive oil and freshly ground black pepper.

For chicken nuggets, toss 3/4-inch chunks of skinless chicken breast in a mixture of Dijon mustard and minced shallot. Dredge in a mixture of fresh bread crumbs and chopped parsley. Thread chunks onto bamboo skewers soaked in water 30 minutes (to prevent burning). Bake in 450° oven 5 to 7 minutes. Serve warm.

Marinated vegetables, a

sensational party idea, are a little different from the ordinary. Marinate 2 pints cherry tomatoes 2 to 4 days in a mixture of 2 cups cider vinegar, 1/4 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons coarse salt, 1 tablespoon whole cloves and 6 bay leaves.

For marinated mushrooms, let 1 pound small mushrooms sit in a mixture of 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar, 1 tablespoon balsamic

vinegar, 1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper, 1/2 cup olive oil and 2 tablespoons small capers for 3 hours or overnight.

Here is another easy appetizer sure to disappear quickly.

Registered dietitian Melanie Polk is director of nutrition education for the American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington, D.C.

### SPINACH PITA PIZZA

5 mini pitas  
8 oz. pizza or pasta sauce  
7 (homemade or commercial)


1 cup fresh spinach, sliced in thin strips

1 1/2 cups (6 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 450°. Toast pitas. Carefully slice around edge to open pockets, avoiding steam.

Place pita halves open-side up on baking sheet. Cover pita halves with about 1 1/2 tablespoons sauce. Sprinkle with spinach and cheese. Bake in preheated oven 9 to 10 minutes until cheese has melted.

Cut in quarters for appetizers. Serve warm.



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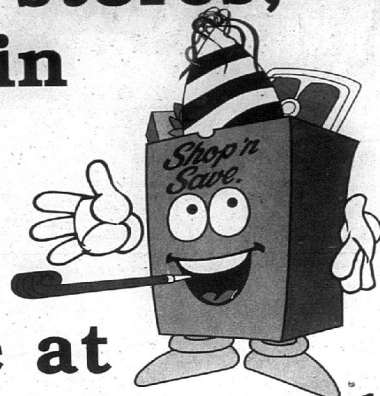
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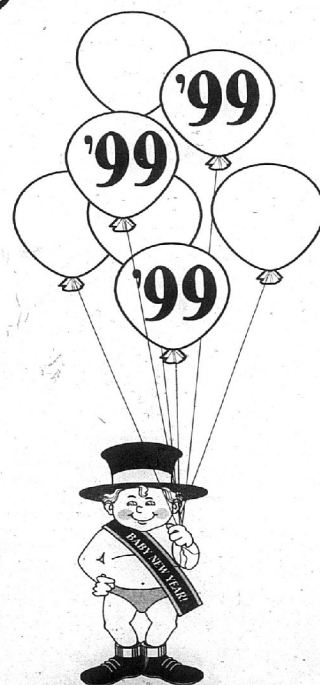


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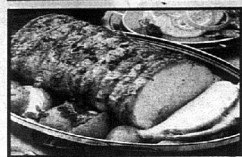
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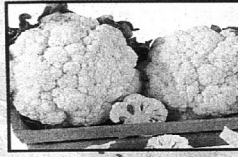
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## Integra's GS-R is hot little hatchback

By Tom Strongman

**Engine:** 1.8-liter, four-cylinder  
**Transmission:** Five-speed  
**Wheelbase:** 101.2 inches  
**Curb Weight:** 2,667 pounds  
**Base Price:** \$22,555  
**Price as Driven:** \$22,555  
**MPG Estimate:** 25 city, 31 highway

Acura's hot Integra GS-R has the mechanical soul of a racing car, yet it can be as docile as a family sedan when you want it to be. The wedge-shaped Integra, introduced in 1994, is Acura's entry-level model, and it has been the best seller in its category. A four-door sedan is also available. The GS-R is the hot-rodded sibling of the more refined LS and GS. The 1.8-liter, dual-overhead cam (DOHC) four-cylinder has 16 valves and a high-tech intake system that gives it 170 horsepower, 30 more than the standard Integra.

This Mighty Mouse engine gets its muscles from the VTEC (Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control) system that was first used throughout the rpm range, and that enables it to have two distinct personalities. Across-the-board performance is improved as a result. In the old days an engine with this level of output would have had very

little low-speed power, but VTEC maximizes both low-speed torque and high-speed power.

Tech talk aside, VTEC makes the Integra civil for around-town driving because it responds to the throttle like a larger motor. It pulls well without being rowed through the gears.

If you bury the throttle and see the tachometer swing around to 7,500 rpm it is positively scintillating. The way it revs, this engine feels more like a motorcycle than a car. Granted, most folks won't drive this way very often because they are unaccustomed to revving an engine this high; because things get rather loud when you do; and because you're going seriously fast.

The GS-R differs from bigger Acuras because it is not nearly as quiet. Not only is the driver more involved with the vehicle, the sounds of the engine working are always present. Many driving enthusiasts will appreciate that since it puts them in touch with what the vehicle is doing.

The benefit of 170 horsepower in a 2,667-pound car shows up when you need speed. The GS-R accelerates with more authority than you might expect for a car of its size. Passing traffic on a two-lane highway required nothing more than a quick downshift and a punch of the throttle. The close-ratio manual transmission lets the driver get the most out of the engine. The shift linkage on our test car was pretty stiff, and it was easy to select the wrong gear because of the

narrow shift pattern. If there's any downside to the GS-R, it would be that its overall gearing is low and that keeps the engine spinning pretty hard at 70 mph.

The double-wishbone suspension, tuned to deliver a performance-oriented ride, keeps the GS-R glued to the road. It relishes twisting highways, where it can strut its stuff. The sports suspension has excellent road feel and lets the driver know what the car is doing at all times.

The GS-R is not all performance. Comfort is an issue, as well. Features such as anti-lock brakes, dual air bags, AM/FM/CD player, air conditioning, tilt wheel, power windows and locks, power moon roof and leather seats are all standard. The seats, which have a wide range of adjustment to accommodate various size drivers, have large side bolsters to hold occupants in place during vigorous driving.

The instrument panel has gauges that are easy to read at a glance. Sliding levers for adjusting heating/cooling are not as handy or intuitive as rotary dials, and those in our test car were fairly stiff.

The back seat is small, as one would expect in a sport coupe, but it folds forward.

The base price of our test car was \$22,100 and all equipment was standard. With destination fee of \$455, the sticker price was \$22,555. The warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

## Points & Plugs

### Cars costing under \$10,000 becoming rare

By Rick Stoff

The days of the \$10,000 automobile are numbered. Only four cars hit the showroom floor for 1999 with sticker prices under that mark, but drivers seeking to spend more than \$100,000 on a new car have about 18 models to consider.

If price is no object, you can purchase one Bentley Azure convertible, or with the same number of dollars, 37.6 copies of the Daewoo Lanos S.

The Lanos S is the current low-price leader. A three-door hatchback with a four-cylinder engine starts at \$8,999, and the four-door model is \$9,699.

A Chevrolet Metro three-door hatchback with three-cylinder engine is based at \$9,373. A Hyundai Accent three-door hatchback with a four-cylinder engine lists at \$9,434. A Suzuki Swift three-door hatchback with a four-cylinder engine is \$9,479.

That's it for car shoppers hoping to spend less than \$10,000. Another recent economy-class arrival in the states, Kia Sephia, comes just over the mark at \$10,445, and many other cars that just recently occupied the under-\$10 category have slipped above the line.

Saturn SL is stickered at \$11,035. The entry-level Dodge or Plymouth is a four-cylinder Neon at \$11,725. The bottom-end Ford Escort is \$11,870. Honda's Civic EX three-door hatchback hits the showroom floor with \$11,065 on the sticker.

Where are the other entry-level cars now? Mercury Tracer GS, \$11,545. Mitsubishi Mirage DR coupe, \$11,573. Mazda Protege, \$12,420. Nissan Sentra, \$12,319. Toyota's Corolla VE, \$12,638.

Remember when the old Volkswagen Beetle was one of the cheapest products you could buy with four wheels? The new Beetle now starts life at \$16,425.

At the over-\$100,000 end of the scale, Ferrari offers nine models in the U.S. at prices ranging from \$128,225 to \$229,595. Bentley sells five models priced at over \$200,000, topped by the Azure convertible at \$339,900. Three Mercedes-Benz autos, all carrying V-12 engines, are priced at \$127,945 to \$137,855.

Rolls-Royce, in the midst of a confusing ownership transition, is selling just one model for 1999, the Silver Seraph four-door with a V-12 engine, at \$216,400.

What about the future? If all of us will be driving electric cars, start saving your pennies. And grocery and beer money.

The General Motors EV1 is leased for \$399 to \$549 monthly, depending on government incentives in Arizona and California, after a \$2,900 initial payment. In three years its drivers will spend \$17,354 to \$22,664 and end up owning nothing.

The Toyota RAV4 EV is leased at \$450 monthly for three years, \$16,200 in total. The Honda EV Plus is leased at \$455 monthly for three years, a total of \$16,650.

Ford sells two versions of its Ranger pickup with electric running gear. It's \$35,500 with lead-acid batteries and \$49,505 with metal-hydrate batteries. The basic Ranger with gasoline engine lists at \$12,295. The cost difference is largely — if not entirely — due to the cost of battery packs.

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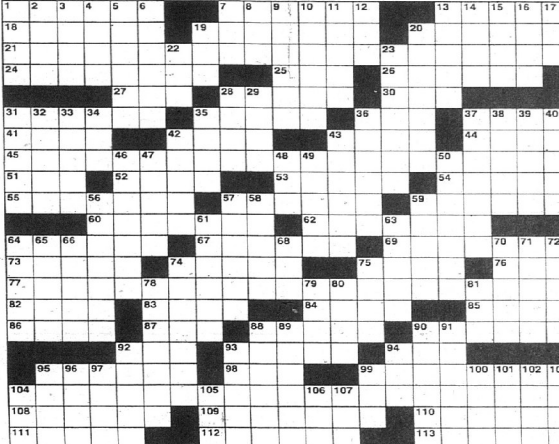


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**1** Down  
1. Prime ballerina  
2. Summer top  
3. Assailed on all sides  
4. Bellowed  
5. Ovi's omelet  
6. Helps  
7. British style  
8. 104 End of the verse  
9. Turkey lobe  
10. Because  
11. Mountain  
12. Like Falstaff  
13. Lepidoblast  
14. Interlun  
15. Map abstr.  
16. Greedy  
17. Lay  
18. Small  
19. Villages  
20. Whistled  
21. Rub the  
22. Winkie-remover

**2** Across  
1. "The Count of Monte"  
2. Long March  
3. More uptight  
4. "The Count of Monte"  
5. Free up  
6. "Did the"  
7. "The Count of Monte"  
8. "The Count of Monte"  
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BAC photos

### Breakfast with Santa

Heather Frank of Belleville, above, dressed as Mrs. Claus, plays the piano to entertain children at Belleville Area College's annual Breakfast with Santa. At left, BAC student trustee Joey Friedrich of Belleville, from left, as Frosty the Snowman; Joey Switzer of Highland, a College Activities board member; and Matt Sherman of Highland, as Rudolph; entertain in the Belleville Campus cafeteria.



Bronn Salmon of Belleville, above, and his 2-year-old daughter, Brinnlee, sing Christmas songs. At left, Raymond Schultz, 2, of Freeburg makes friends with Frosty. Below, magician "Dr. Bungle," otherwise known as Greg Hoeffken of Belleville, performs a little holiday magic for children. Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by BAC's Office of College Activities, provided area children with a chance to meet and be photographed with Kris Kringle, enjoy holiday stories and songs, and make holiday crafts.



## Heaters, holiday decorations potential fire hazards

The smell of freshly baked holiday cookies, the glitter of colorful lights reflected off the fresh snow and the smiling faces of friends and family as they gather together to celebrate. These images certainly bring to mind fond holiday memories. But these same holiday symbols and activities also can bring sobering images of possessions and lives lost as a result of tragic, though preventable, fires and injuries.

Many people are unaware December, January and February are the leading months for home fires and home fire deaths in the United States. In fact, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association, more than one-third of home fire deaths in the United States occur during the winter months. This holiday season, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. and the NFPA once again are urging consumers to protect their homes, themselves and their loved ones from the devastating consequences of a home fire.

UL and the NFPA have broadened the scope of their annual "Operation Decoration" holiday safety campaign to include fire prevention and safety tips for the holiday season, including tips for holiday entertaining and

cooking, home heating, and holiday lighting.

**Safer holiday entertaining**  
UL and the NFPA offer these fire safety tips to follow while entertaining and cooking during the holidays and any time of the year:

- Turn off and unplug all appliances when not in use.
- Use caution when using electrical appliances. Never plug more than one high wattage appliance into a single outlet. Check appliances for frayed or cracked cords and make sure to have them repaired by a professional technician if needed. Never stand in or near water when using electrical appliances.

- Keep young children at least three feet away from kitchen appliances when cooking.

- Dress appropriately for cooking. Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves and use caution when working near heat sources.

- Have plenty of fire-resistant pot holders and oven mitts ready for use. Turn handles inward so pots and pans won't be pulled or knocked off the stove.

- Keep the stove-top clean and clear. Store combustible materials away from heat sources.

**Safer home heating**  
According to the NFPA, approximately 74,400 home fires occurred in 1995, killing 480 people and injuring more than 2,000.

Select heating equipment that bears the UL Mark. The UL Mark on a product means that UL engineers have tested representative samples of the product for foreseeable safety hazards.

- Install and maintain heating equipment correctly, and be sure it complies with local fire and building codes. Have local building or certified maintenance and repair technicians check and clean your heating system once a year.
- Keep all portable heaters and space heaters at least 36 inches (1 yard) from combustible materials, including furniture, bedding, clothing and pets.

- Turn off space heaters when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep. Supervise children at all times when space heaters are in use.

- If you have an electric space heater, check for frayed or split wires or overheating. Have all problems repaired by a professional technician before operating.
- If you have a liquid-fueled space

heater, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer. Never use gasoline or any other substitute fuel. The wrong fuel could burn hotter than the equipment's design limits and cause a serious fire. When refueling, always turn off the heater and let it cool down completely before adding fuel. Wipe up any spills promptly. If you are considering buying a kerosene heater, be sure to check with your local fire department first to find out if it is legal in your community.

- Have your chimney inspected by a professional heating technician prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and can cause a chimney fire if not removed through cleaning.

- Always protect your home and your family by using a sturdy fireplace screen when using your fireplace.

- Remember to burn only wood

never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out the chimney and ignite your roof or a neighboring home.

- If you are purchasing a factory-built fireplace, select one that is UL Listed and have it properly installed according to local codes.

- Do not burn fires in your fireplace if the area around the fireplace and mantle are decorated with stockings or other combustible decorations.

- Safer holiday lighting**  
Candles add a cozy touch to your home during the holidays, but if you're not careful, they can be a serious fire hazard as well. According to the NFPA, nearly 7,000 home fires are caused by candles every year.

- Be sure to place candles in sturdy, non-combustible holders, and keep them well away from decorations and other combustible materials.

- Don't leave children unattended in a room with lit candles, and always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, up high and out of the reach of children.

- Don't display lit candles in windows or near exits in case you need these to escape.



